

## **Childers Announces Approval of \$98 Million to Save 2,000 Teacher Jobs in Mississippi**

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Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) announced the U.S. Department of Education's approval of nearly \$98 million for the State of Mississippi. The much-needed funding will save and create an estimated 2,000 teaching jobs statewide and an estimated 433 jobs in the First District. The State applied for the funding under the recently passed, fully paid-for Education Jobs Bill.

"I am extremely pleased that our state has applied for, and now has access to, this critical funding to save and create jobs and improve education throughout Mississippi. Education is the pathway to jobs, and I'm a strong believer that it's the only way North Mississippi is going to lift itself up," said Childers. "Today's funding will help Mississippi overcome severe education budget cuts and retain a skilled teaching workforce that will give our children the education they need to secure good-paying jobs."

The *Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act*, H.R. 1586, was passed and signed into law on August 10 to help states and local governments hire and retain teachers and other educational professionals. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the bill's \$10 billion Education Jobs Fund will provide a projected \$97.8 million to save an estimated 2,000 education jobs in Mississippi. The bill will save an estimated 433 jobs in the First District, according to the National Education Association (NEA). This legislation is completely paid-for.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [www.childers.house.gov](http://www.childers.house.gov)*

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